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[0008] As will be readily appreciated from the foregoing summary, the invention provides a method and guide for instructing a person in swaddling an infant in a blanket is provided. A ~~first~~ no-fold illustration for positioning an infant on a blanket is provided. A ~~second~~ first-fold illustration for a first fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. A ~~third~~ second-fold illustration for a second fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. A ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration for a third fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. The illustrations are attached to a baby good, such as to the blanket.

[0016] By way of overview, a method and guide for instructing a person in swaddling an infant in a blanket is provided. A ~~first~~ no-fold illustration for positioning an infant on a blanket is provided. A ~~second~~ first-fold illustration for a first fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. A ~~third~~ second-fold illustration for a second fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. A ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration for a third fold of the blanket to cover the infant is provided. The illustrations are attached to a baby good, such as to the blanket.

[0018] The illustrated guide 10 includes a ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12. The ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12 portrays the infant 1 suitably positioned upon a suitably folded blanket 11. The ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12 of the blanket 11 may optionally include reference numbers for each of the remaining corners, corner 1 111, corner 2 112, and corner 3 113. Additionally, the ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12 may include the presence of a tag 22. The tag 22 is portrayed in the ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12, as well as subsequent illustrations to orient the blanket 11 to the infant 1 for the caregiver, especially where the blanket 11 may be rectangular, asymmetric, or may include ties or Velcro.TM. fasteners, for instance, thereby identifying an orientation of the blanket 11 with respect to the infant 1.

[0019] The illustrated guide includes a ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14 portraying the blanket 11 folded over the infant 1. To indicate the movements that constitute a transition from the ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12 to the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14, the ~~second~~ first-fold

illustration 14 advantageously includes an arrow 115 to indicate a movement of corner 1 111 over the infant 1 resulting in the configuration of the blanket 11 portrayed in the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14. Corners 2 112 and 3 113 as well as the label 22 remain visible and unmoved from their portrayed positions in the ~~first~~ non-fold illustration 12.

[0020] The illustrated guide further includes a ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16. To indicate the movements that constitute a transition from the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14 to the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16, the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16 advantageously includes an arrow 116 to indicate a movement of corner 2 112 up over the infant 1 resulting in the configuration of the blanket 11 portrayed in the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16. Corner 3 113 remains visible and unmoved from its portrayed positions in the ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12 and the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14. The label 22 is portrayed above corner 3 113.

[0021] The illustrated guide further includes a ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18 showing the penultimate configuration of the blanket 11. To indicate the movements that constitute a transition from the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16 to the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18, the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18 advantageously includes an arrow 117 to indicate a movement of corner 3 112 over the infant 1 and further under the infant 1 resulting in the configuration of the blanket 11 portrayed in the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18. A second arrow 118 indicates a final movement of the corner 3 113 portraying the tuck of corner 3 113 into the blanket 11 to secure the swaddled blanket 11 around the infant 1.

[0022] In the presently preferred embodiment, the illustrated guide 10 comprises the sequence of the ~~first~~ no-fold illustration 12, the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14, the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16, and the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18. Where, due to considerations of space or other issues warrants, the illustrated guide 10 may consist of as few as the ~~second~~ first-fold illustration 14, the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration 16, and the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration 18 portraying three principal folds for swaddling a child. Where, due to the configuration of the blanket 11, for instance where additional flaps (not pictured) are placed on the blanket 11 to engage the infant's arms, legs or head, distinct illustrations serve to appropriately instruct the caregiver according to the configuration of the blanket 11.

[0023] FIG. 1b is a label 20 including the illustrated guide 10 to swaddling an infant 1. The label 20 advantageously places the illustrated guide 10 in a manner to assure the visibility of the first no-fold illustration 12, the second first-fold illustration 14, the third second-fold illustration 16, and the fourth third-fold illustration 18 in a serial order.

[0024] In a presently preferred embodiment, the label 20 is configured to be folded along a fold 25 to allow attachment at the time of sewing a garment, pad cover, bag, or other such sewn baby good. In such an embodiment, the label includes a field 21 to add length sufficient to preserve the visibility of the first no-fold illustration 12, the second first-fold illustration 14, the third second-fold illustration 16, and the fourth third-fold illustration 18 in a serial order on one aspect of the label. The field 21 may be blank as shown or may contain suitable additional information about the baby good or such information as may be advantageously included. Margins 23 are included at the top and bottom of the label for insertion into the seam to assure secure attachment.

[0029] FIG. 5 is a flowchart of a method 40 for compiling an illustrated guide to swaddling an infant. In the presently preferred embodiment, the method 40 includes providing a first no-fold illustration at a first block 42, providing a second first-fold illustration at a second block 44, providing a third second-fold illustration at a third block 46, and providing a fourth third-fold illustration at a fourth block 48.

[0030] At the first block 42, the first no-fold illustration is provided. As discussed above with reference to FIG. 1a, the first no-fold illustration portrays the positioning of the infant on a suitably folded blanket. The remaining corners of the suitably folded blanket are appropriately identified for ready reference for orienting the infant on the blanket. Optionally, a location of a tag may advantageously be shown to orient the blanket to the infant.

[0031] At the second block 44, the second first-fold illustration is provided. As discussed above with reference to FIG. 1a, the second first-fold illustration portrays the portraying the first remaining corner of the blanket, that at the infant's right hand when suitably positioned on the blanket, then folded over the infant.

[0032] At the third block 46, the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration is provided. As discussed above with reference to FIG. 1a, the ~~third~~ second-fold illustration portrays the second of the remaining corners of the blanket folded upward; the second remaining corner being that near the feet of the infant on the suitably folded blanket.

[0033] At the fourth block 42, the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration is provided. As discussed above with reference to FIG. 1a, the ~~fourth~~ third-fold illustration portrays the final folding of the third remaining corner of the blanket wrapped over the infant and the first and second corners of the blanket around the infant and suitably tucked between the infant and the blanket to hold the blanket in place snugly around the infant.

Abstract

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